

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2181
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2000
DEFAULTING UNITS
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of defaulting units/ establishment detected by Provident Fund authorities as on December 31, 1999 State-wise with total amount in default;
- (b) how does it compare with the corresponding previous two years period;
- (c) the details of area and industry specifically identified State-wise; and
- (d) the details of stringent action proposed against the defaulters alongwith fresh policy decision taken/ proposed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): The comparative information about the number of EPF defaulters and the amount of default during the last three years was as under:

Yr.	No. of defaulters	Amount (Rs. in cr.)
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31.3.97	21522	466.56
31.3.98	21355	463.97
31.3.99	19258	573.18

The information showing number of EPF defaulters and the amount of default as on 31.3.99 State-wise is annexed. 54.86% of the total EPF arrears pertain to Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal. Industry-wise, 30.75% P F arrears pertain to textile industry, 17.39% to electrical, mechanical and general engineering industry, 7.22% to educational sector, 5.03% to road-motor transport 4.70% to sugar industry and the remaining to other sectors. Necessary legal and penal action as provided under section 7A, 7Q, 8B, 14, & 14B, of the EPF & MP Act, 1952s already being taken to recover the dues outstanding against the defaulting establishments. Criminal proceedings are also launched under section 406/409 of the IPC against the employers who deduct employees' share of PF from their wages but do not deposit the same in the fund.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:218.3.2000 BY SHRI